

Whereas from the great length of Salem Creek Occasioned by the Various Windings & Turnings thereof it not only Renders the Meadows and Marshes Towards the head of the Creek of little value by being so long Floored at particular seasons which destroys the Grass in the drain'd Meadows and Causes the Marshes to be Boggy. But also Renders the Navigation so tedious as hardly to Counter-vail the Expence of Carrying the Timber Wood Staves and other things (of which there is a considerable Trade from the Head of said Creek) to Market from this consideration, as if nature had Intended a Remedy for the above inconvenience by a Turn of said Creek towards the head that is to say at a little Creek Taking out of Salem Creek between the Plantations of John Procter and Seaver Helbreth coming so near the River Delaware It is with the greatest ^{Reason} apprehended that a Cannel cut a Cross at that place or thereabouts would Effectually Remove both the above Inconveniences by giving the Water a Quicker Vent and greater Fall from the Meadows and cut off at least Thirty Miles of the Navigation the greatest part whereof is a long Difficult Crooked Creek which has often Occasioned Weeks delay in a Trip

Therefore to Encourage a Work of so great utility to a great part of the County of Salem as well as others, we the Subscribers do hereby promise and oblige our selves our heirs Exec.^{ts} & Admin.^{rs} that is to say Each Subscriber severally and Respectively for himself his Heirs Exec.^{ts} & Admin.^{rs} and not Jointly or one for the other to pay the Sum of [£] ~~100~~ subscribed and Affixed to Each Particular Name to Such Person or Persons and at such Time and Times as the Same shall be legally Required according to the Agreement of the Majority of such Subscribers which monies are to be Applied to the above Purpose & to no other use Intent or Purpose whatsoever In Witness whereof we have hereunto Set our Hands & Affixed the Sums subscribed. Dated the 20.th Day of March Anno Dom. 1770.

George M^r. Failer

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